

DATE: April 17, 2003

SUBJECT: Temporary Authorization of New Institutions under the Postsecondary Authorization Act

ACTION RECOMMENDED: Temporary Authorization

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: The Commission under the Postsecondary Authorization Act has the “power and duty” to act upon applications for authorization to operate an educational institution in the state. For the institutions listed below, applications have been reviewed, site visits have been performed, and staff has determined that all necessary documentation and bonds have been secured. The Committee on Postsecondary Educational Institutions met on March 20, 2003 and endorsed staff recommendations for Temporary Authorization of these institutions.

A. Tennessee Institute of Electronics Knoxville TN

Change of Ownership

Tennessee Institute of Electronics (TIE) is located at 3203 Tazewell Pike in Knoxville, Tennessee. The institution is a for-profit corporation that is accredited by the Accrediting Commission of Career Schools and Colleges of Technology (ACCSCT).

The institution was sold on January 31, 2003 to Mr. Richard Rackley.

The school will offer six programs already approved by THEC:

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| Bachelor of Science | Technical Management |
| Bachelor of Occupational Science | Network Security and Forensics |
| Associate of Occupational Science | Computer Programming |
| Associate of Occupational Science | Information Technology |
| Associate of Occupational Science | Website Development |
| Associate of Applied Science | Electronic Technology |

The school participates in Title IV funding programs.

B. Urban League – Chattanooga Chattanooga TN

The Urban League – Chattanooga is located at 5600 Brainerd Road, Suite H-200, in Chattanooga, Tennessee. The school is a not-for-profit corporation.

The school will offer four programs.

Program: Business and Information Sciences and Supportive Services
Credential Awarded: Certificate of Completion
Length of Program: 336 contact hours (10 weeks)

Program: Health Information Technology Credential
Awarded: Certificate of Completion
Length of Program: 400 contact hours (12 weeks)

Program: Microsoft Network Administration
Credential Awarded: Certificate of Completion
Length of Program: 400 contact hours (12 weeks)

Program: P.C. Repair Technician
Credential Awarded: Certificate of Completion
Length of Program: 400 contact hours (10 weeks)

The school does not participate in Title IV funding.

C. Vatterott College

Memphis TN

Change of Ownership

Vatterott College is located at 6152 Macon Road in Memphis, Tennessee. The institution is a for-profit corporation that is accredited by the Accrediting Commission of Career Schools and Colleges of Technology (ACCSCT).

The institution was sold on November 20, 2002 to Wellspring Capital Partners III, L.P.

The school will offer nine programs already approved by THEC:

Associate of Occupational Science	Applied Electric Technology
Associate of Occupational Science	Computer Aided Drafting
Associate of Occupational Science	Computer Systems and Network Technology
Associate of Occupational Science	Heating, Air Conditioning, & Refrigeration
Diploma	Computer Aided Drafting
Diploma	Computer Programming
Diploma	Computer Technology
Diploma	Electrical Mechanic
Diploma	Heating, Air Conditioning, & Refrigeration

The school participates in Title IV funding programs.